

# Sunday School Lesson

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**THE COURAGE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS**

Major selection: "Grant unto servants that with all boldness, may speak Thy word".

**WAY OF INTRODUCTION:** We see who these men are, are first of all what we call CONVERTS to ORIGINALLY Christian. Their conversion was based on their CONVICTIONS on the subject of Jesus His Message. Out of their

conversion and convictions came the POWER we studied about last Sunday. And power is best expressed through COURAGE in life-situations. Let's not forget the word, for in His earthly ministry Jesus dealt with and through life-situations ONLY!

**A WORD TO REMEMBER: BOLDNESS:** "Courage born of assurance and experience". Boldness is one of the ACTIVE qualities of a Christian, and he is not always passive, kind, humble, docile, forgiving and acquiescing. This is an active quality of Christianity that ALL Christians should possess. It is born of DEVOTION, and therefore knows no half-heartedness.

**I. A NEW MIRACLE AROUSES OLD HATES.** Acts 3: 1-4: 12.

(1) Performing miracles of merciful healing (which they could not do) was one of the old hates the priests and scribes had against Jesus. (2) A case in a life-situation. What will the Disciples do? What did Jesus do? (3) Christianity takes hold on life 3:7. (4) Like an electric shock it gripped the crowd 3:9. (5) The highest gift of all is not to the body 3:8. (6) The true Disciples never miss an opportunity to witness 12:16. (7) The crowd is reminded of God's age-old promises and offered blessings 17:26. (8) Arresting the preachers to stop the processes of God! 4:1-2. (9) In "the holdover" for Christ's sake the Christian can still witness! 4:3-4. (10) Getting more than they asked for — The second mile? 4:5-12.

**11. OLD OPPOSITION MEETS NEW COURAGE AND POWER:** 4:13-22.

(1) Amazed and astonished at men who had no fear of "puffed-up power". (2) Boldness and such unanswerable arguments gave the Disciples supremacy over their opponents, which they bitterly resented. (3) But they could not deny what was done, nor could they discount the means and the method by which it was done. (4) Calling a "council of defeat" — "They conferred among themselves". (5) An ancient case of a modern expedient, government by threat, or to prohibit by bluff is poor resistance to the Truth. (6) Christianity won the victory in the first round — "You be the judge whether in the sight of God it be better to harken to you rather than God". (7) The "unlearned and the ignorant" who are filled with the Spirit, power and wisdom of God are always wiser than the "wise." Romans 1:21-23. First Corinthians 1: 18-25.

**III. THE DISCIPLES SEEK AND FIND MORE POWER FOR MORE "BOLDNESS":** 4:23-31

(1) Back to the Source of power: The Christian group assembled in prayer and testimony 4:23. (2) The Christian's idea and description of God 4:24-28. (3) Presenting their case and their needs to God 4:29-30. (4) Their contempt for puny, futile, blasphemous opposition of pagan powers 4:25-28, Psalm 2:1-2. (5) Prayers of Power are SHORT v. 29. They turned their enemies and their threats over to the Divine Power and left them in His hands, while they prayed for more power to do His will and work in more healing and mercy, and this is still the best plan for all Christians to follow. (6) "Pilate, Herod and the peoples of the Jews" and their plans against God and His Anointed One and His mission in the earth is set in a marvelous contrast, and the enemy is annihilated by reducing him to an absurdity 4:28. (7) The definite and specific answer to their prayer 4:31. "WITH ALL BOLDNESS"

ways with kindness for it is sufficiently authoritative not to need to be dictatorial, and of sufficient power to need no "threatening".

**THREE APPLICATIONS TO LIFE:** (1) We need the courage to become first-rate Christians every day. Our temptation is to be soft, easy-going, agreeable fellows and by so doing avoid all mild and adverse criticism of being "too devout" or "too consecrated". (2) People who honor, worship and serve God are not easily frightened by man. (3) Courage for Christian living and witnessing GROWS with experience, or by putting it to USE. And strength for the big tasks is developed only by doing the small ones.

## MRS. W. D. HYATT GIVES PROGRAM FOR H. D. CLUB

The Black Mountain Home Demonstration club met Monday, March 26, at "Chipmunk Lodge," the home of Mrs. J. W. Bergthold, with Miss Mary MacKay serving as co-hostess.

The meeting opened with the group singing "Christ Arose" followed with prayer by Mrs. Samuel Morris. John 3:16 was repeated in unison. Mrs. Morris also read the Easter Story. Mrs. W. D. Hyatt gave a program on seven basic foods. Mrs. Mamie Sue Evans talked on growing vegetables for the freezer. She also told how frozen puddings originated.

Refreshments were served after the meeting by the hostess to the following Mrs. Frank Hogan, Mrs. Mary E. Aleshire, Miss Ann Wilson, Mrs. H. F. Egar, Mrs. John Benedict, Mrs. Kelly Benge, Mrs. Glenn Bryan, Mrs. Margarette Ledbetter, Mrs. Lee H. Moore, Mrs. Cecil Ham, Mrs. Gary Gregory, Mrs. S. P. Riddle, Mrs. Finley Stepp, Mrs. Hyatt, Mrs. W. T. Miller, Mrs. Verlon Morris, Mrs. Ernest Austin, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Charles Clevenger, and Mrs. Morris. Visitors were Miss Sarah Kirby, Mrs. Henry T. Ware, and Mrs. Ruth Westbrook.

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## COMMUNITY MISSIONS

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church met on the evening of March 21 in the memorial room at the church.

Chief item of business was a report by Mrs. W. A. Huneycutt, young people's director, on the progress and problems of the junior organizations. Plans were made for the more effective sponsoring of this phase of the Missionary program.

After the business session, a program on Community Missions was presented by Mrs. Julia Phillips, Mrs. Ruby Carson, and Mrs. Kay Huneycutt.

Members present in addition to the above were Mrs. W. B. Kyles, president, Mrs. Hattie Burgess, Mrs. M. E. Head, Miss Mabel Drake, Mrs. Tom Blizard, Mrs. Sanders Hudson, Mrs. Wade Morrow, and Mrs. Worth Cook.

## THIRD MARINE DIVISION REUNION DATE IS SET

The 1956 Reunion of the Third Marine Division association will be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from June 29 through July 1, 1956. Information regarding the reunion and the association may be obtained by writing John Bugel, executive secretary, P. O. Box 548, Culver City, Calif.

The association is comprised of veterans who fought at Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima and men now serving with the Third Division overseas. Former Marines, Navy personnel and members of the 25th Seabee Battalion who honorably served with the Third Marine Division are eligible for membership.

## MRS. BLAN ALDRIDGE ELECTED PRESIDENT

The Wesleyan Service Guild met Monday night, April 2, in the home of Mrs. L. H. Gregory with Mrs. Cortez Gaskins serving as co-hostess.

Mrs. T. W. Nesbitt, president, presided over the business session during which time the following officers were elected to serve for the new year: president, Mrs. Blen Aldridge; vice president, Mrs. W. G. Wells Jr.; recording secretary, Mrs. Joe Wallen; promotion secretary, Mrs. Burton Osteen, and treasurer, Miss Ernestine Plemmons.

Mrs. Worth Burgess opened the program with the devotional and Mrs. Nesbitt read a poem "One Day in Nazareth". The program was presented by Mrs. Wallin. During the social hour Mrs. Worth Burgess was given a surprise stork shower.

Others present were Mrs. J. H. Boger, Mrs. Bessie Carr, Mrs.

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**Q. What other benefits may I expect after NICARBAZIN removes the coccidiosis problem?**

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**Q. Is NICARBAZIN consistently effective against coccidiosis mortality?**


**A.** Yes. Reports from every broiler area show that NICARBAZIN provides the most effective curb against coccidiosis death loss. In one area, for example, growers reported no coxy death loss in 174,542 birds protected with NICARBAZIN. With these same growers, mortality ran as high as 12 per cent in 48,500 birds on another coccidiostat.

**Q. How does NICARBAZIN compare with other coccidiostats in its effect on market weight?**

**A.** In recent comparative feeding trials, NICARBAZIN-protected birds averaged 0.19 lb. more than birds on another coccidiostat. This extra weight per bird gave growers 10,564 lbs. added market weight for the 55,600 birds on NICARBAZIN feeds.

**Q. Is there a reduction in overall mortality, as well as coccidiosis mortality, when NICARBAZIN is used in feeds?**

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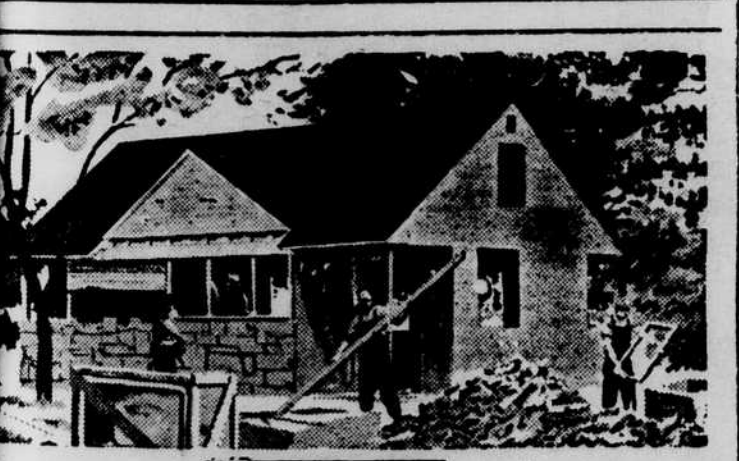
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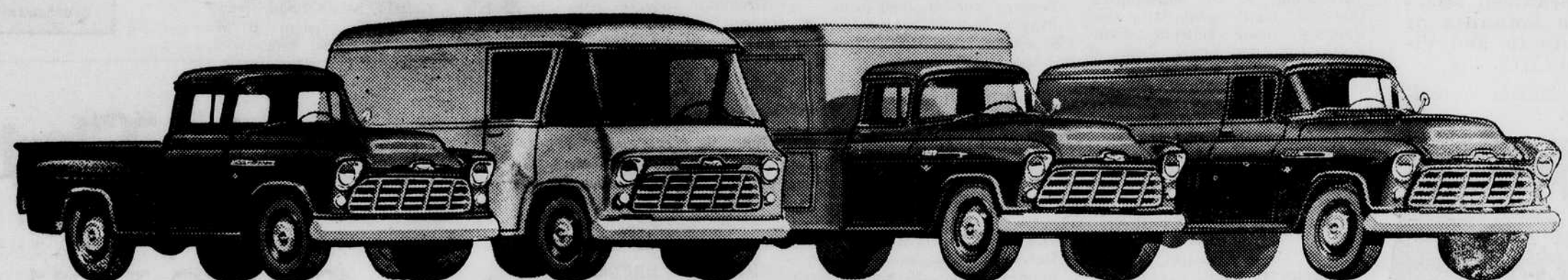
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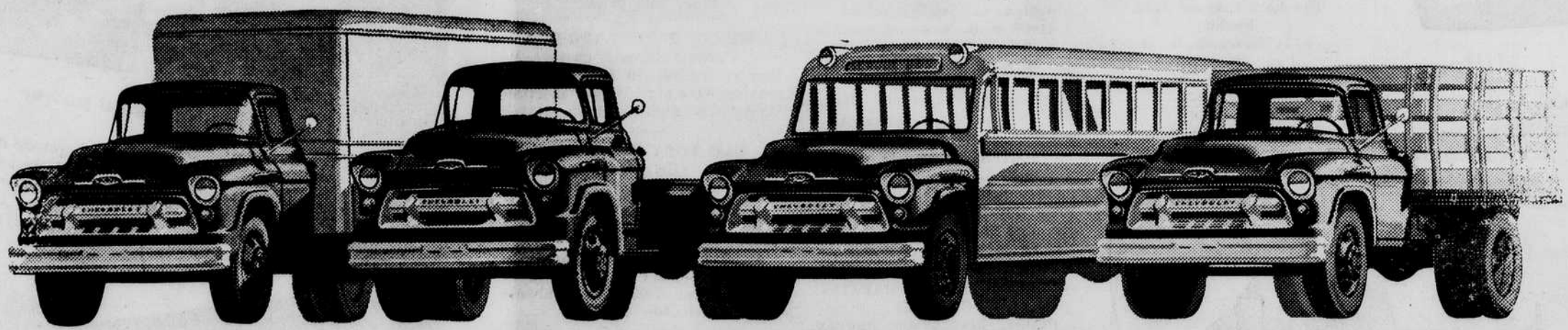
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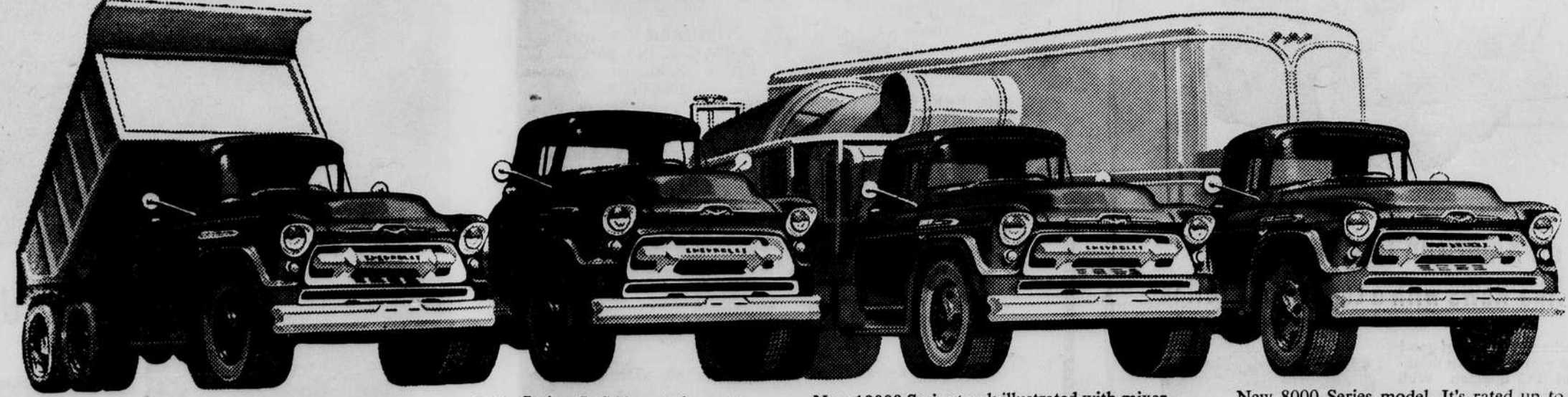
New 3000 Series truck, Model 3104, a 1/2-ton pickup with roomy body.
New 3/4-ton Forward Control chassis, Model 3442, shown with special body.
New 1-ton Task-Force truck, Model 3803, illustrated with refrigerator body.
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